GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1858
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MEETING OF LOCAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether no meetings of the Local Consultative Committee and the Home Minister`s Consultative Committee for different Union Territories have been held for the last over five years;

(b) if so, the date of last meeting so held, UT-wise;

(c) the reasons for not holding these meetings; and

(d) the steps taken to involve democratic public opinion in the decision-making process in UTs without Legislatures?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.REGUPATHY)

(a): No Sir.

(b) & (c): The Home Minister`s Advisory Committee for Andaman & Nicobar Islands met on 12-02-2005. The Administrator`s Advisory Committee for Chandigarh last met on 8-10-2002. Other Union Territories do not have Administrators` Advisory Committees.

Some of the Home Minister`s Advisory Committees could not meet regularly for various administrative reasons including the process of reconstitution. Now the HMACs in all the Union Territories have been reconstituted.

(d): With the introduction of 73rd (Amendment) Act, 1992, Panchyati Raj System has been set up in Union Territories and the Village/District Panchayats/Panchayat Samities are functioning. The members of the Panchayats at Village/District levels are involved in the decision making process on developmental issues. Further, the Administrators of the Union Territories have been directed to have a closer inter-action with the elected representatives of the people including the Members of Parliament from the Union Territory.